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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Svendsen et al.

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For: Cutinase Variants

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Before the above-captioned application is taken up for examination, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested (a marked up version pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21 is attached hereto):

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 16, 19-21, 24-27, 29-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

4. (Amended.) The variant of claim 1 or 3, wherein the parent cutinase:

- a) is native to a filamentous fungus,
- b) has an amino acid sequence which can be aligned with the cutinase of *H. insolens* strain DSM 1800, or
- c) has an amino acid sequence which is at least 50 % homologous to the cutinase of *H. insolens* strain DSM 1800.

7. (Amended.) The variant of claim 1, which has one to twenty of such substitutions.